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1. ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED QUESTION OF BOP COMMITTEE REVIEW OF ITALIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN SCHEMES WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY PREM KUMAR SEPTEMBER 15 AND LEFT AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH DREW ON PARAS 2 THROUGH 6 OF REFTEL.

2. KUMAR GAVE THE FOLLOWING AS HIS "PERSONAL" REACTION TO U.S. POSITION. (COMMENT : WHILE KUMAR WILL PROBABLY DO SOME CONSULTING WITHIN GOI, HE WIELDS PREDOMINANT INFLUENCE ON ALL MATTERS DEALING WITH GATT AND MTN.) GOI HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO REGULARIZING GATT REVIEW OF PRIOR DEPOSIT SCHEMES IN THE BOP COMMITTEE, HE SEID. PROVIDED DID NOT CAUSE GATT PROCEDURES TO BECOME EVEN MORE CUMBERSOME. THUS, USE OF BOP COMMITTEE AS A STANDARD FORUM SHOULD BE COMBINED WITH EFFORT TO IMPROVE REVIEW PROCEDURES.

3. FURTHER WITH REGARD TO THE ROLE OF THE BOP COMMITTEE, KUMAR
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FELT THAT ITS WORK SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO REACTING

BALANCE OF PAYMENT PROBLEMS OF GATT MEMBERS WHEN
THEY REACH CRITICAL STAGE. COMMITTEE SHOULD BROADEN ITS SCOPE
TO DEVELOP POSITIVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. KUMAR SAID THAT GOI WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY DISCUSSION OF
SOUTH AFRICAN SCHEME SINCE IT HAD NO RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY.

5. KUMAR PROMISED TO TELEPHONE ECON COUNSELOR SEPTEMBER 16
SHOULD HIS CONSULTATIONS WITHIN GOVERNMENT LEAD TO ELABORATION
OF GOI POSITION. WE WILL TRANSMIT ANY FURTHER COMMENTS HE MAY
HAVE.
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